

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STATE
REPRESENTATIVE BOB CHERRY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Representative Bob Cherry for his contribution to our state.

For 20 years, Bob has represented Hancock and Madison counties with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. He continues to be a strong advocate for balanced budgets and lower taxes. I had the pleasure of serving alongside Bob during my time in the Indiana General Assembly. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Bob has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. He and Deb were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with Bob and Deb. We want to thank them for their prayers and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
GREG NORRIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Greg Norris on the occasion of his retirement as Probate Judge for Monroe County, Alabama. Throughout his career, Judge Norris displayed deep devotion to Monroe County, where he has had an immeasurable impact on economic development and quality of life improvements.

Locally educated at Alabama Southern Community College, and then at Troy University, Judge Norris has a rich understanding of what matters to the people of Southwest Alabama and how to improve the local economy. Judge Norris began his term in office as Probate Judge in 2006. From the start, he was dedicated to the cause of Monroe County's economic future. In his role, Judge Norris also served as the Chairman of the Monroe County Commission, allowing him to provide an even greater service to the community.

During his term in office, Judge Norris created a renewed emphasis on serving the people of our area. He digitized all deed and marriage records, created an online renewal process for tags and driver's licenses, and oversaw 22 fair elections in the county.

As Chairman of the Monroe County Commission, he was able to secure roughly \$33,000,000 in federal and state funds for the

betterment of Monroe County. This included funds for road and bridge projects, airport improvement projects, a VA outpatient clinic, and many other projects that impacted the lives of countless residents.

His economic development achievements speak for themselves: the unemployment rate dropped from well over 20 percent during the recession to less than 6 percent today, he created the Monroeville/Monroe County Economic Development Authority, brought critical new businesses to the community, and oversaw 6 industry expansions.

Judge Norris is also involved in the Kiwanis Club, Pilots for Christ, member of the first Leadership Now class of Monroe County, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Delta Regional Authority Delta Leadership Institute Class of 2014–15, and the Association of County Commissions of Alabama.

In his free time, Judge Norris serves as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon at Excel Baptist Church. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his wife, Terry, two children, and six grandchildren.

From the start, Judge Norris made a name for himself in reshaping the modern economy in Monroe County. Monroe County is better off thanks to his service, guidance, and direction.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, we honor Judge Norris for his incredible service and simply say: thank you.

HONORING SHERIFF JEFF CAPPA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Sheriff Jeff Cappa for his contribution to our state and Wayne County.

Throughout his career, Jeff has dedicated himself to the safety of his fellow Hoosiers. For nearly eight years, Jeff has served as the Wayne County Sheriff where he has worked tirelessly to ensure communities in Wayne County are safe. Our state and Wayne County is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

Jeff has also been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN RECOGNITION TO THE HEROISM
OF SHERIFF DEPUTY KEVIN
CRIPPS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Kevin Cripps and Fireman Trevor White of Kinmundy, Illinois for their courage.

On September 8, 2018, five young adults attempted to cross over Skillet Fork Creek Bridge when rising waters swept the truck off the road. The group climbed out of the sinking truck through the windows and managed to dial 911.

Sergeant Kevin Cripps took the call and rushed to their aid. Sergeant Cripps used ropes and life jackets to pull the four closest to him away from the current. Fireman Trevor White and Sergeant Cripps combined their efforts to save the fifth person. While Sergeant Cripps braced himself as an anchor, White continued towards the fifth teenager with a rope and life jacket. Sergeant Cripps then pulled in the adolescent and Trevor White to safety. Assistant Fire Chief Brad Hawkey called Sergeant Cripps a hero, saying it was a team effort and that "God was with us".

Mr. Speaker, I personally want to thank these gentlemen for their bravery and efforts in the rescue. Their actions are an example to me and to those within their community. I commend Sergeant Kevin Cripps and fireman Trevor White as we celebrate their heroism and wish them success in their future endeavors.

HONORING U.S. MARSHAL DAN
McCLAIN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize U.S. Marshal Dan McClain for his contribution to our state and Scott County.

Throughout his career, Dan has dedicated himself to the safety of his fellow Hoosiers. Dan served as Scott County Sheriff before being nominated by President Trump to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana. Building on his success as Scott County Sheriff, Dan now works tirelessly to ensure Hoosier communities are safe. President Trump could not have picked anyone better for this role and our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Dan has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I would like to thank him for

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his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN HONOR OF BÙI BÌNH BÀN

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Bùi Bình Bàn, a well-respected leader who has made significant impacts on the Vietnamese community in Orange County, California.

Mr. Bùi Bình Bàn was born in 1937, in Nam Dinh, Vietnam. In 1954, he migrated to the South of Vietnam and continued his higher education. In 1958, he graduated and became an agricultural engineering professor training many engineers and officers in the field of agriculture in the South of Vietnam.

Mr. Bùi left Vietnam and settled in Southern California where he dedicated his life to the Vietnamese community here. He served as the President of the Vietnamese American Federation Association of Southern California for two consecutive terms (1994 to 1998). In 2002, he established the Federation of Overseas Free Vietnamese Communities Television, FreeVN.Net, to livestream Vietnamese community events without accepting any compensation, advertisement or staff offers. His recordings are particularly valuable to not only the Vietnamese community, but other Vietnamese media. In 2010, he became the Advisor for the Institute of Vietnamese Studies and has been in this position until today.

Mr. Bùi has lived blissfully for 81 years. His passing is a tremendous loss to the Vietnamese community in Orange County. In memory of his passing, I'd like to take this moment to recognize his contributions, dedication, and continuous efforts in preserving and developing the Vietnamese history, culture, activities, and most importantly, community in Orange County. He will always be remembered as a kind, devoted, and prominent Vietnamese community leader.

HONORING TODD HIDAY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Todd Hiday for his contribution to our state and Henry County.

Todd has served two stints as the County Chairman in Henry County. His leadership and vision have helped advance Republican principles and make the County a better place. He is also someone I could count on for honest and candid advice. Our state is better off today because of Todd's extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Todd was among my earliest and most vocal supporters. He is a loyal friend and wise adviser. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work in Congress and wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

HONORING DOWELL TAYLOR

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Dowell Taylor for his recent induction into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Jackson, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Callaway High School and Jackson State University (JSU) where he received a Bachelor's in Music Education, as well as a Master's in Music Education. During his undergraduate years, he arranged over 100 band selections including JSU's current theme song, "Get Ready," an old Motown favorite. Mr. Taylor decided to further his study by enrolling in the Doctor of Musical Arts program in Wind Conducting at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. He then went on to receive a certification in Music Technology from the Technology Institute for Music Educators.

In 1975, he received the highest achievement of a JSU bandsman, the "Best All Around Bandsman" award. Mr. Taylor has served as Director of Bands at both Mary Holmes, Jr. College and Kentucky State University—where he also served as department chair. From 1984 to 1992, he served as Director of Music Technology and the Director of Bands of one of the most entertaining programs in HBCU history, the "Sonic Boom of the South."

In 2009, he developed the Music Technology degree program for undergraduate students at Jackson State University, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and in 2010, he was honored by the Mississippi Jazz Foundation. Mr. Taylor's Jazz Quartet received the Jazz Group of the Year Award from the Jackson Music Award, Inc.

After 31 years of service, he retired from Jackson State University in June of 2015. But, that did not stop him from coming back in September of 2017 to serve as Interim Director of Bands, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Music Technology at Jackson State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Dowell Taylor on his induction into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation along with his years of dedicated leadership and servanthood to the art and craft of music.

HONORING STEVE AUSTIN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Steve Austin for his contribution to our state and country.

I first met Steve while we were working for former Congressman David McIntosh in the 1990s. We've been friends ever since. He is an incredible leader and has gone on to have a remarkable career at Red Gold in Elwood. His advocacy work has made a tremendous difference, and our state is better off today because of his service.

I would like to thank him for his advice and support over all these years. Without a doubt, Steve has been among my earliest and most vocal supporters in Delaware County. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for his future.

RAISING AWARENESS TO
ALZHEIMER'S

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the heavy toll that Alzheimer's exacts on those who are unfortunate enough to suffer from the disease, the impacts to their family and loved ones, and to the American people. This devastating disease greatly erodes the sufferers' standard of living, strains their finances, and can place an enormous burden on those who care for them. However, despite these troubling realities, it is my hope that through raising awareness and increasing research funding we can lower the number of Americans that suffer with this disease and prevent its dire consequences.

The most common form of Dementia in America is Alzheimer's. There are about 5.7 million Americans living with the disease and 110,000 in Georgia alone, age 65 and older. Far from being a disease limited to the elderly though, approximately 200,000 Americans younger than age 65 are living with younger onset Alzheimer's (also known as early-onset). But at any age, an Alzheimer's diagnosis is extremely tragic.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's can also cause severe financial burdens, not only for the patient but for their families and caregivers as well. Currently, 16.1 million Americans are providing unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or another dementia. These caregivers provided approximately 18.4 billion hours of care last year valued at more than \$232 billion. We here in Congress must do more to support those patients and caregivers.

Mr. Speaker, African American elders are two to three times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease compared with whites and research shows that older Hispanics are about one-and-a-half times as likely as older whites to develop Alzheimer's and other dementias. So it is imperative that we educate these communities on warning signs of the disease, so that they will have a better understanding of the impact of a diagnosis, and are better positioned to seek the opinion of medical experts and to plan and prepare for the future.

Despite the potential for tragic outcomes, there is reason for optimism. We can and should continue to fund Alzheimer's research, and to support patients and caregivers as they seek treatment for this condition. Even though the cause of Alzheimer's is still unclear, the damaging effects it has on people are. So please Mr. Speaker, I ask you and the rest of our colleagues to join me while we raise awareness of this terrible illness, and seek to support those around the country who are touched by it.